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SUBJECT: USG ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS-FY 75

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1. NICOSIA EMBOFF KOSHELEFF AND GENEVA MISOFF EDWARD
DONNELLY MET WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS MACE, JAEGER, AND KELLY
ON REFERENCE SUBJECT, MENTIONED USG INTENTION MAKE ADDITIONAL
SUM \$9.9 MILLION AVAILABLE TO UNHCR BEFORE END OF MAY.

UNHCR MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. UNHCR WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DRAFT COPY OF LETTER
OF PLEDGE BEFORE ACTUAL LETTER IS PREPARED. THIS WOULD
PERMIT DISCUSSION AND CHANGES (IF NECESSARY). KOSHELEFF
RESPONDED THIS SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

B. UNHCR WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO KNOW IF WE WOULD
HAVE OBJECTION TO USE OF PART OF OUR DONATION FOR PURCHASE
OFF-SHORE OF FOOD ITEMS AND SUBSEQUENT RE-SALE IN CYPRUS
ON OPEN MARKET WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO REFUGEES IN
FORM OF CASH IN LIEU OF PASSING OUT FOOD AID TO EACH
REFUGEE IN PERSON AS IS BEING DONE PRESENTLY. EXACT
MODALITIES OF PROPOSED SCHEME HAVE NOT YET BEEN
WORKED OUT BUT GOC PROPOSAL HAS STRONG SUPPORT
IN PRINCIPLE FROM UNHCR. KOSHELEFF RESPONSE NON-
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COMMITTAL.

C. BEFORE UNHCR NICOSIA TO PROCEED UNDER NEW EXPANDED MANDATE TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN NON-RELIEF ACTIVITY (SUCH AS OLD AGE HOMES, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, ETC.) UNHCR WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM EMBASSY NICOSIA OR USG WRITTEN REQUEST ASKING UNHCR TO FUND SUCH ACTIVITIES IN CASES WHERE SUCH PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FINANCED FROM USG CONTRIBUTION. KOSHELEFF RESPONDED THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT.

2. UNHCR OFFICER PIERRE COAT WILL TRAVEL TO CYPRUS END THIS WEEK TO WORK OUT IN MORE DETAIL SCOPE OF UNHCR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF STRAIGHT RELIEF ROLE. REGARDING POINT C ABOVE, UNHCR MAY NOT WANT TO INCLUDE IN USG-UNHCR AGREEMENT DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS IDENTIFIED TO DATE. THIS WOULD PERMIT FLEXIBLE APPROACH AS PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE DEVELOPED LATER.

3. KOSHELEFF MET ICRC DELEGATES BORSINGER AND SCHMIDT, AND ANNOUNCED USG INTENTION MAKE \$1 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ICRC FOR CYPRUS ACTIVITIES. ICRC STATED BORSINGER/SCHMIDT VISIT TO US MISSION ON APRIL 8, 1975 (SEE GENEVA 2397) CONSTITUTED OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR USG ASSISTANCE. TEN PAGE MEMORANDUM NUMBER RO 570B/6 DATED APRIL 1 AND COVER LETTER DATED APRIL 3 (BEING POUCHED) CONSTITUTE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OF APPEAL. ICRC CLAIMS TO HAVE APPROACHED 38 GOVERNMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (LIST TO BE POUCHED) AND HAS SO FAR RECEIVED TOTAL OF SF 76,244 FROM THREE GOVERNMENTS, 3 RED CROSS SOCIETIES, AND 3 OTHER SOURCES. DALE

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